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FOLLOWING IS THE NOVEMBER 14 EVENING REPORT:

QUOTE PASSMAN SUBCOMMITTEE HEARING ON ASSISTANCE FOR
ISRAEL AND CAMBODIA - THE PASSMAN SUBCOMMITTEE ON
APPROPRIATIONS HELD EXECUTIVE SESSION HEARINGS TODAY
ON THE \$2.4 BILLION REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE TO ISRAEL
AND CAMBODIA. BILL CLEMENTS, TOM MOORER, AND I WERE
THE WITNESSES. THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE GAVE A VERY
SYMPATHETIC RECEPTION TO THE REQUEST FOR BOTH ISRAEL
AND CAMBODIA. WE WERE PRESSED FOR DETAILS ON ISRAELI
LOSSES AND THE TOTAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ASSISTANCE.
WE EXPLAINED THAT THESE WERE BEING WORKED OUT AND WOULD
BE FURNISHED TO THE COMMITTEE; CHAIRMAN PASSMAN URGED
THAT THEY BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF THE THANKSGIVING
RECESS. THE COMMITTEE PRESSED FOR A BREAKDOWN BETWEEN
GRANT AND CREDIT IN THE ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL. I STATED
THAT IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SUPPLY THIS INFORMATION NOW,
BUT THAT THE COMMITTEE WOULD BE CONSULTED BEFORE
A FINAL DECISION WAS MADE BY THE PRESIDENT. THE CHAIRMAN
STATED THAT A COMPROMISE WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT
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TO EARMARK A PORTION OF THE ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL AS

BEING EITHER FOR CREDIT OR GRANT.

QUOTE AT THE END OF THE SESSION, CHAIRMAN PASSMAN
INDICATED THAT HE INTENDED TO ATTEMPT TO BYPASS THE
FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND TO INCLUDE THESE
REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE FOR ISRAEL AND CAMBODIA
IN THE FY 1974 FOREIGN ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION
WHICH HE EXPECTS TO MARK UP IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE
THANKSGIVING RECESS. END QUOTE. RUSH

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